

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
House of Representatives
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McConnell,

Just a few years ago, we were able to come together on a bipartisan basis and pass the 2018 Farm Bill which provides supports and programs not only vital to Iowa's farmers and producers, but to agricultural communities across the United States. Our dairy and livestock producers and crop farmers depend on the availability of these resources, which are supported through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

In Iowa, our farmers have not only suffered lost markets and disrupted supply chains from the COVID-19 pandemic, but they have also been dealing with drought conditions and the destruction caused by the recent derecho which destroyed thousands of acres of crops and farmland. On top of all of this, farmers are planning to receive farm payments this fall and these resources cannot be taken away when they need it the most. Not providing additional funds to the CCC will delay their payments.

Since 1987, Congress has come together to replenish the CCC on an annual basis and this year should be no different. Our farmers should not be used as a bargaining chip for negotiations. Replenishment of the CCC must be included in the upcoming Continuing Resolution (CR).

Sincerely,

Joni K. Ernst
United States Senator

Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

Cindy Axne
United States Representative

Dave Loebsack
United States Representative

Abby Finkenauer
United States Representative

Steve King
United States Representative